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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §§ 1.97(C) AND 1.98

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97(C) and 1.98, Applicants respectfully submit the following statement consisting of:

- 1. A list of documents; and
- 2. General remarks.

A copy of the listed documents are enclosed herewith along with Form PTO/SB/08A.

- 1. **Documents**
- U.S. Patent Application No. US 2003/0194683 A1, published October 16, a. 2003 (Vorst);
 - b. U.S. Patent No. 4,853,883 issued 08/01/89 (Nickles et al);

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- c. U.S. Patent No. 5,368,484 issued 11/29/94 (Copperman et al);
- d. U.S. Patent No. 5,651, 676 issued 07/29/97 (Artwick);
- e. U.S. Patent No. 5,660,547 issued 08/26/97 (Copperman);
- f. U.S. Patent No. 5,863,203 issued 01/26/99 (Bragdon);
- g. U.S. Patent No. 6,007,338 issued 12/28/99 (DiNunzio et al);
- h. U.S. Patent No. 6,106,298 issued 08/22/00 (Pollak);
- i. U.S. Patent No. 6,144,901 issued 11/07/00 (Nickles et al);
- j. U.S. Patent No. 6,152,739 issued 11/28/00 (Amery et al);
- k. U.S. Patent No. 6,263,266 issued 07/17/01 (Hawthorne);
- 1. U.S. Patent No. 6,587,764 issued 07/01/03 (Nickles et al);
- m. U.S. Patent No. 6,622,068 issued 09/16/03 (Hawthorne);
- n. U.S. Patent No. 4,645,459 issued 02/24/87 (Graf et al);
- o. U.S. Patent No. 5,823,780 issued 10/20/98 (Arye et al); and
- p. U.S. Patent No. 4,041,283 issued 08/09/77 (Mosier).

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2. General Remarks

The submission of the above documents are not an admission that the information is prior art, analogous or otherwise material. It is respectfully requested that the above-listed documents be considered and made of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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